



Sunday, September 6, 2026

We Gather Together

Prelude

Sherry Steele

Call to Worship

In this bright morning, may we know God.
In this gathering of dear souls, may we know God.
In wonder of ancient story and current truth, may we know God.
**In the power of music and sound of singing,
may we know God.**
May this worship time be holy.
**May our lives be beacons of love.
May the Spirit move.**

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Catherine MacLean

The Life and Work of the Church

Lighting the Christ Candle

*Hymn *All Creatures*
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

VU 217

Opening Prayer (Unison)

**The sun with golden beam, the moon with silver gleam
pears and peaches; squash and cauliflower
school buses and traffic cautions; bicycles and river hikes
for all these signs of the season changing,
we bring gratitude.**

**Neighbour and friend; newcomer and migrant
traveller and stay-at-home; dear one and dearly departed
memories in music; tears in the singing
for all these who carry our human condition,
we bring gratitude.**

**Holy in the everyday; God always with us
love piercing evil; comfort in distress
forgiveness and reconciliation; joy and contentment
that we are not alone, we bring gratitude.**

**God in our lives, we pray in the Name of all that is Holy.
Amen.**

Children's Time

*Hymn *River* MV 3
PATTISON

We Listen for God

Scripture Psalm 42 *sung, seated* VU p. 766
AS THE DEER

Solo *The River of Lament* Sherry Steele
TISSANDIER

Reflection Hauntology Rev. Dr. Catherine MacLean

*Hymn *Oh, let us breathe (As If We Knew How)* TLUS! 72
ERHARDT & LOCKE

We Respond with our Gifts and our Lives

Invitation to Offering Our Gifts

Offering plates can be found in the narthex. Electronic gifts are welcome by e-transfer to contactus@riverbendunited.org or on the church website. We give in gratitude for God's grace and in hope that peace may spread to all.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer Jesus Taught *Notre Père, Notre Mère* TLUS! 69
LAMBERT

*Hymn *I Feel the Winds of God Today* VU 625
KINGSFOLD

*Benediction

*Postlude Sherry Steele

**denotes you are invited to stand as you are able and inclined*

“**VU**” refers to the red hardback hymnal *Voices United*

“**MV**” refers to the spiral bound songbook *More Voices*

“**TLUS!**” refers to *Then Let us Sing*

***Children and Youth** are invited to stay for the service. There is also a Family Room for wee ones behind the piano where a volunteer will assist parents and the service can be seen and heard.*

Welcome to Riverbend United Church. If you're new with us, we'd love to meet you. Feel free to introduce yourself to your neighbour in the pew, and/or fill out a Welcome Card in the pews if you wish to be updated on upcoming activities or receive a call from our Minister or Welcome Team.

North Saskatchewan River from Ramsay Heights, photo by Catherine MacLean

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